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In re Application of
John A. Jones, et al.
Application No. 09/863,759
Filed: May 24, 2001
Attorney Docket No. 01102

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed June 29, 2006 to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

It does not appear that the petition is signed by an attorney of record. However, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature of Larry S. Nixon appearing on the correspondence shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party on whose behalf he acts. However, if Mr. Nixon desires to receive correspondence regarding this file, the appropriate power of attorney documentation must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to Mr. Nixon, the petitioner herein. However, until otherwise instructed, all future correspondence regarding this application file will be directed solely to the above-noted correspondence address of record.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

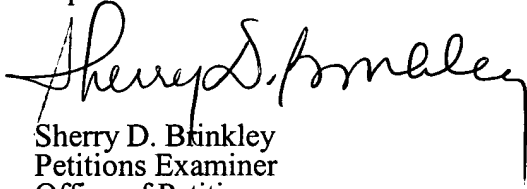
The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on April 17, 2006, in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.¹

Telephone inquiries relating to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

¹The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3621 for further processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 filed June 29, 2006.

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TO : Director, Office of Patent Publication
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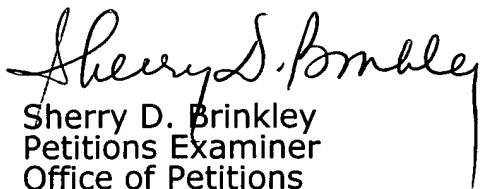
The above-identified application has been assigned Patent No. 7,076,470 and an issue date of July 11, 2006.

It is hereby directed that this application be withdrawn from issue at the request of the applicant.

Do not refund the issue fee.

The following erratum should be published in the Official Gazette if the above-identified application is published in the OG of July 11, 2006:

"All reference to Patent No. 7,076,470 to JOHN A. JONES, ET AL. of GEORGIA for FINANCIAL TRANSACTION PROCESSING SYSTEM appearing in the Official Gazette of July 11, 2006, should be deleted since no patent was granted."


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